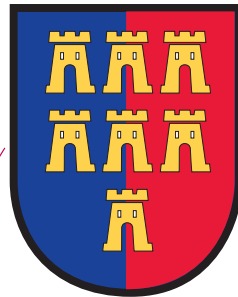


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May 2019

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Sunday June 2, 2019

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TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

May 4 **Mitgliederabend/Member's Banquet
with Ballroom Graduation** 17:30

June 2 **Band Concert**
Lunch at 12:00 & Concert at 14:00

June 15 **Waldfest – Picnic & Golf Tournament**
Picnic – Hubertushaus 12:00

July 12-14 **Heimattag** – Saxonia Club - Aylmer

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BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Dear Members and Friends,

Well it appears as though spring has finally settled in. Time to rake up whatever is left on the lawns and start thinking about seeding and fertilizing.

On Saturday March 16th, Erika and I attended the President's Ball at the Concordia Club. It is a formal event and as usual, was a full house. We were treated to champagne and appetizers while we mingled, and then sat down to a wonderful steak dinner with salad, soup, mashed potatoes and vegetables. Of course dinner was followed by some decadent dessert. After dinner we were

entertained by the Enzian Shuhplattler Dance Group and the Concordia Club Choir. The Black Forest Band had everyone up dancing the night away. I would like to thank Concordia Club President Rob Kerr and his wife Janice for a lovely evening.

March 17th we held our annual membership general meeting. I hate to be negative but we have a membership of almost 400 members, yet we had less then 50 members at this meeting. The membership heard about our current financial status and updates regarding various projects that we are working on. Thank you to those members that took the time to come out. A special thank you to Mike and Maria Gondosch for their very kind donation of \$2,000.00 towards the new Dirndls and Lederhosen for our dance group.

Our Frauenverein hosted a spring fashion show

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on Sunday March 24th and I would say it was a huge success. The hall was full and there were a large number of vendors situated around the room that offered everyone the ability to purchase a large variety of products. Hats off to our Frauenverein President Sylvai Hartig and her teams for another very successful event.

By the time you are reading this, we will have already had our Mitgliederabend with Ballroom graduation. I will report on that event in my next report.

Remember - please come out and support all our groups and their upcoming events. They need your encouragement and support to give them a purpose to continue doing what they do all year round representing our members and the club.

Hope to see you soon.

Reinhard Schmidt,

President



KULTURGRUPPE

CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring is here and April showers have begun. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend with your families and friends.

The annual meeting of the Transylvania Club was held on March 17th. The Kulturgruppe would like to congratulate President Reinhard Schmidt and his newly elected board of directors and we look forward to working with them for the next year.

I thank the TCK choir for the invitation to the Schnitzel lunch and concert on April 13th and look forward to the delicious meal and the wonderful voices of the various choirs.

May 4th is Mitgliederabend. I hope to see you all there. Come out and see the Kindergruppe perform, watch the ballroom graduates show us what they have learned in the past year, receive your membership pins, have some fun and dance the night away to Seven Castles. We have 12 couples graduating this year and I hope many of them decide to stay on and join the dance group.

The Hofbrau band will hold its annual concert on Sunday June 2nd. The theme for this year is "Music of the Night". Sounds very intriguing. I hope to see many of you there to support this group who has been working very hard to get ready for this concert. Tickets can be reserved by calling any of the band members or the club office.

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for Heimattag being held in Aylmer this year. It promises to be a great weekend filled with celebration and camaraderie. Mark July 12 – 14th on your calendar and plan to attend and show how proud you are to be Saxon! Call the club office for more information and to order your tickets. If you are planning on staying overnight and need a hotel room, please let me know as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Schwaben, Cassandra Kauer and Miss Concordia, Kimberly Kunkel.

Please come out and support our groups and our club events. Without your support we cannot continue to showcase our talents, culture and Saxon spirit!

Keep your Saxon roots close to your heart,

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin

Cultural Group President



FASHION SHOW





FASHION SHOW





FRAUENVEREIN

Well, we had another awesome event! Our Spring Fashion Show on March 24th was a huge success!

We received so much positive feedback that it truly made us proud. The timing of having an afternoon event such as this, after a long winter, and the enthusiasm with which it was met, told us it was a worthwhile effort (and it was a lot of work!) and one we should consider doing again in future. The committee that spearheaded the fashion show should be recognized and applauded for their time and effort: Susan Kachik, Kathy Mathes, Margit Fritsch, Claudia Griebenow, Agnes Sebastian, Gabriel Habsch and Audrey Horn.

Fashions from Helen Anne Shop, Just For Him, Delirium Clothing and Trachten-Quelle were featured and all the models were from our club, and they were great! They took time out of their busy schedules not only for the fashion show itself, but to visit the various stores to try on outfits, and to rehearse before the show. We are grateful for their commitment. They were the stars of the show and we hope they will come back if we do this again.

The décor was fresh and spring-like, with brightly-colored primula plants at each table, donated by Susan Kachik. The flowers were then given to the person at each table with a birthday closest to March 24th. In addition, there were numerous door prizes given away, donated by the Frauenverein and some of the vendors.

Another great addition to the event was having had many vendor tables around the perimeter of the hall, where you could browse and shop before the show and during the break. That was a lot of fun.

Of course, as a Frauenverein event the Ausschuss ladies, and some of the husbands, helped to decorate on the Saturday, and prep food for Sunday as

well as prepare food during the fashion show. We offered cold platters with crackers, cheese and grapes, or pretzels with dipping sauce. Coffee and tea were available, and chocolate milk for the youngsters, as well as various chocolate and other sweet treats. I can't forget to mention the chocolate fountain with a variety of fruits and other items for dipping!

A big thank you to EVERYONE who helped to make this event a success!! It's always a team effort and we have a great team.

Prior to the fashion show, the ladies were busy providing some light food at Trachtenball on March 2nd. We offered chicken skewers, sausage on a bun, potato salad, sauerkraut, warm pretzels, veggies and a variety of dips, including a warm beer cheese sauce for the pretzels. Coffee and tea were also available as well as some desserts. It was all well-received.

So, now we can exhale for a bit. On April 10th the ladies of the Ausschuss are treating themselves to a well-deserved and much-needed evening out to enjoy a dinner and some camaraderie after a busy fall/winter of meetings, planning, decorating, and putting on events. Things will be slowing down over the next months, but the fall quickly approaches and things will get going again...but, we won't think about that yet!

As you can see from my reports, we are having a great time coming up with interesting new ideas and making them happen. Although you don't have to be a member of the Ausschuss to come out and be part of an event, please consider joining the Ausschuss. Don't hesitate to contact me or any of the executive committee if you are interested or have any questions. We always have a good time working together as we plan and prepare for events.

Sylvia Hartig
Frauenverein Praesidentin



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

At Trachtenball in March, Bob Foster, our MC/events coordinator, said some very meaningful words to our members and I thought it was important for everyone to have the opportunity to read what he said. Bob, not being of Saxon or German heritage observes things from a different vantage point and has always been impressed by the Transylvania Club board and its members and they way they support each other, stand by their traditions and volunteer to help when needed for the good of the club. I invite you to read his speech that follows and think about what he sees and encourages us both as members of the Transylvania Club but also as Saxons, to do.

Erika Schmidt, Cultural Chair

RESILIENCY

Meine Damen und Herren:

Because it is so ingrained in your heritage, you are all very familiar with the flag of your Transylvania Saxon origin with its distinctive red and blue colours. You are all probably aware that Transylvania Club Kitchener has its own club flag – again incorporating the red and blue colours. I don't have to tell you that the red represents stability, courage and endurance while the blue represents stamina, loyalty and tenacity.

With all due respect, please allow me to propose that to the flag of Transylvania Club Kitchener another colour be added. I propose that the colour of green, the colour of RESILIENCY, be added. Let me explain:

I've spoken to you in the past about Transylvania Saxon courage. But there is something that goes beyond courage. It's called resiliency.

Resiliency is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. It is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity. It is that ineffable quality that allows some people to be knocked down by life and

come back at least as strong as before. It is toughness. It is never giving up.

You Saxons of Transylvania Club Kitchener are a strong and strong-willed people. I have not witnessed a people, an ethnic group so resilient, as resilient, as the Transylvania Club Kitchener Saxons.

From the need to make der Trek from the homeland, to the need to build new lives in Canada, to the loss of your beloved club building on Andrew St., to the parting of ways with the Schwaben Club, to the loss of an Oktoberfest home at the Stampede Corral, you have demonstrated utmost resilience. And you have demonstrated it with dignity, class and pride.

Out of the courage of centuries ago, came a resiliency so steadfast that it allowed you, once smitten, to gather yourselves and rise again. You have been bent but you have not broken. Perhaps that is why Erika Schmidt continues to admonish you to "Saxon Up!" Because that is exactly what you do.

And as long as you continue to Saxon Up! the culture and heritage will remain strong and powerful. You are a people of strength, conviction and courage. You are a people of true resiliency. What a wonderful virtue to own.

The Saxon heritage has spanned more than 850 years of history and as long as you Saxon Up! it will continue to survive.

Now, in reality, I am being facetious about adding the colour green to the club flag. No one should dare desecrate such a bold and powerful symbol of your heritage. The only point in my so-called proposal is simply to state that, dammit, you are a wonderfully proud and resilient people. For the love of all things holy, for the love of all things from the heart, remain vigilant and resilient. For if you do, your birthright is solid, safe and secure.



KEGELGRUPPE

BOWLING LEAGUE

Our bowling ends on April 26 and we are having an end of season dinner at the Mandarin in Kitchener on a date yet to be set. My thanks to all bowlers who came out to enjoy the game and I hope all of you will return this coming September. If you wish to bowl with us next season you can call me at 519-884-2975 or email me at drbgreen@rogers.com
David Green, Bowling Group President



KINDERGRUPPE

CHILDREN'S GROUP

The Kindergruppe has starting back up again for our spring session and will running weekly until Tuesday, April 30th at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Mitgliederabend (Members Night) performance will be held on Saturday, May 4th. We are hoping to see many new faces. Each Tuesday night we have lots of fun activities for the kids including: games, crafts, dancing, songs, snacks and much more. Come out and join in the fun, meet new people, develop friendships and learn about the Siebenburger Sachsen/Transylvania Saxon heritage. For more information or to join, please contact Krista or Rick Hesch at hesch@rogers.com or 519-662-4364.

*Sincerely,
 Krista, Rick, & Heidi, Kindergruppe Instructors*



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JUBILÄUM - ANNIVERSARIES

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on April 4, 2019



FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN - FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the month of May. If you have a birthday in this month and your name does not appear in the list, please call our office with the correct information in order that we can update our membership records and database.

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